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June 14, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Chair Ron Mēnor

FROM: Chairman Emeritus Ernest Y. Martin

RE: NACo Western Interstate Region Conference
May 24-26, 2017

Attached is my report from my participation in the NACo Western Interstate Region Conference in Deschutes County, from May 25-26, 2017.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

**NACo Western Interstate Region Conference
May 24-26, 2017
Deschutes County- Sunriver, Oregon**

Thursday, May 25, 2017

❖ **Building Stronger Communities in the West**

Speaker Ms. Trish Thibodo, Executive Director, Delta County Economic Development in Colorado led the discussion on innovative strategies rural communities are using to build a stronger, resilient workforce and economy. This educational workshop moderated by Mr. Michael Held, Senior Program Manager for Rural Economic Vitality, Rural Development Initiatives focused on the notion that smaller and rural communities in the West have traditionally been reliant on natural resource extraction as an economic source and that this was engrained in the culture. This type of reliance is also known as a "boom and bust" industry and more planning and investment is needed to diversify economic sectors. Developing more economic sectors creates a healthy, vibrant community.

❖ **Public Lands Planning: Where Do Counties Fit In?**

According to the March 3, 2017 Congressional Research Service report *Federal Land Ownership: Overview and Data*, the Federal Government owns 820,836 acres in Hawaii. The acreage amounts to 20% of the land in Hawaii. Although 15 states contain less than half a million acres of federal land the 11 western states and Alaska each have more than 10 million acres managed by federal agencies. Resource, forest and land use management plans can provide direction to federal land managers for development and use of natural resources, which can affect the economic, physical and social landscape in Hawaii. Ms. Cynthia Moses-Nedd, U.S. Department of the Interior Liaison to NACo and Mr. Randy Phillips, U.S. Forest Service Liaison to NACo led the discussion on exploring opportunities to ensure that the community perspective is represented in the implementation of resource and forest management plans.

Friday, May 26, 2017

❖ **General Session**

Featured speakers for Friday's General Session were Mary Bono, who served as a U.S. Congresswoman from California from 1998-2013, and is the Principal for Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting and Rodney Whitlock, Vice-President of Health Policy, ML Strategies LLC.

This presentation provided an overview of the American Health Care Act's (AHCA) provisions, including a review of Medicaid financing reform through per capita caps and block grants, and implications for counties. Information focused on the impact to taxpayers and safety net providers. Additionally, Mr. Whitlock explained how some of the provisions in the AHCA may be enacted through other legislative pathways and administrative actions.

❖ **NACo 101: Learn About Your Association**

As a membership organization, NACo is governed by its members; including policy, benefits, budgets and more. This workshop provided an overview of how to better utilize the resources and information available through NACo's structure as well as the different programs available through NACo's Financial Services Center.

❖ **Closing Session and Installation of Officers**

Speaker for the closing event and for the installation of officers was former Judge (Executive) Steve Grasty. Judge Grasty was in his 18th year as Harney County Judge when his county was besieged by armed insurgents who forcibly took over and occupied the headquarters of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge for 41 days. Judge Grasty had to coordinate his county's response and work with state and federal agencies. Judge Grasty led collaborative efforts to develop a new management plan for the refuge, led work in Oregon to develop a plan to prevent the listing of the Sage Grouse as an endangered species, and was instrumental in establishing the Steens Mountains Management Plan thus preventing the creation of a National Monument. He spoke on the lessons learned from the occupation and his years of dedication to public lands issues as well as the challenges he faced as a county leader.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: June 14, 2017

Traveler: Ernest Y. Martin

Event: NACo Western Interstate Region 2017 Conference

Location: Deschutes County, Sunriver, Oregon

Dates: From May 24, 2017

To May 26, 2017

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	0	
2. Airfare	0	
3. Hotel	399.02	Sunriver Resort and Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
4. Meals	37.83 37.88	See attached receipts
5. Ground Transportation	115.00	Taxi and Resort Transportation
6. Tips	17.50	See attached receipts
7. Other	63.33 72.00	Parking Honolulu Airport 4 days
Other	100.00	Alaska Airlines Baggage
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	732.68 741.40	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:

Signature of Traveler

Date